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AMENDMENT/RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 29, 2005,  
please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: